

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 13-38 and 40-54 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 13-38 and 40-54 were examined.

Claims 13-38 were rejected.

Claims 40-54 were allowed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

The Office Action

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First Paragraph

Claims 13-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner asserted that the present specification fails to disclose or reasonably teach a lifting arm that is rotationally mounted to the main body.

Applicants respectfully traverse. It is respectfully submitted that Fig. 6B clearly shows lifting arm 13 being rotatably moved relative to the main body of the apparatus, and through the specification, it is noted that lifting arm is lifted relative to the apparatus, e.g., see page 14, first paragraph; page 10, last five lines; page 11, lines 13-15, and the curved arrow adjacent the lifting arm 13 in Figs. 2-4 and 6A-6B indicating rotation of the lifting arm 13 relative to the main body. In Fig. 6B, since the left end of the lifting arm 13 is connected to the main body, it is clear that, in order to lift the right end of the lifting arm 13, the lifting arm 13 must be rotated relative to the main body.

Further, page 14, lines 1-4 discloses that a ratchet mechanism, crank, or other mechanism may be provided to raise the position of the lifting arm 13. It is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the mechanical arts would have been enabled, after a reading of the present disclosure, to movably connect a lifting arm to a main body of an apparatus, and would have known, that in order to lift the lifting arm relative to the main body in a manner as shown in Fig. 6B, for example, that the lifting arm is

rotatably mounted relative to the main body.

In view of the above remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 13-38 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, as being inappropriate.

Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to extend their thanks to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 40-54.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-008CON2.

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